

F1, sub F1
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~~control means for accepting only a selection out of the outputted data for a reply as the reply to the message.~~

E2
sub F2
7 ~~(THREE TIMES AMENDED)~~ an electronic news system including a client apparatus and a server apparatus which manages an electronic message and a reply to said message transmitted from the client apparatus, said client apparatus comprising:
storage means for storing data for a fixed form reply, stored separately from the electronic message;
output means for outputting the message with said data for a reply to the message, said data for a reply independent of the message;
control means for accepting only a selection out of the outputted data for a reply as the reply to the message; and
communication control means for transmitting the selection to the server apparatus.

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sub F3
9 ~~(THREE TIMES AMENDED)~~ An electronic news system including a client apparatus and a server apparatus which manages electronic messages transmitted from the client apparatus, comprising:
said server apparatus comprising:
storage means for storing data for a fixed form reply, stored separately from the electronic messages;
communication control means for transmitting said data for a reply to the client apparatus;
said client apparatus comprising:
receiving control means for receiving said data for a reply sent from the server apparatus, said data for a reply independent of the electronic messages;
output means for outputting the message with the received data for a reply to the message;
control means for accepting only the selection out of the outputted data for a reply as the reply to the message; and
transmission control means for controlling the transmission for transmitting the selected reply to the server apparatus.

13. ~~(FOUR TIMES AMENDED) An electronic news system including a client apparatus~~
and a server apparatus which manages an electronic message and a reply to said message
transmitted from the client apparatus,

said server apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing data for a first fixed form reply, stored separately from the
electronic message and independent from the electronic message;

communication control means for transmitting the data for the first fixed form reply to
the client apparatus,

said client apparatus comprising:

receiving control means for receiving the first data for the first fixed form reply sent
from the server apparatus;

storage means for storing data for second fixed form reply, stored separately from
the message;

output means for outputting the message with said data for the first or second fixed
form reply;

control means for accepting only a selection out of the outputted data for the first
fixed form reply based on the category of the message as the reply to the message; and

means for controlling the transmission for transmitting the selected reply out of the
data for the first or second fixed form reply to the server apparatus.

17. ~~(THREE TIMES AMENDED) A recording medium readable by a computer which~~
manages an electronic message and a reply to said message, comprising:

program code means for causing said computer to store data for a fixed form reply in said
computer, the fixed form reply being stored separately from the electronic message;

program code means for causing said computer to output the message with said data for a
reply to the message, said data for a reply independent of the message; and

program code means for causing said computer to accept only a selection out of the
outputted data for a reply as the reply to said message.

21. ~~(TWICE AMENDED) A message system comprising:~~

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~~a reply data storage device storing a plurality of fixed form reply sets, each fixed form reply set containing a plurality of replies;~~

~~a controller receiving a message from a host and allowing a user to select a reply from a fixed form reply set stored in the reply data storage device, the fixed form reply set independent of the message;~~

~~an output device outputting the selected reply to the host,~~

~~wherein the fixed form reply sets are stored separately from the message.~~

25. (TWICE AMENDED) ~~A computer readable storage medium storing a computer program instructing a computer to perform:~~

~~storing a plurality of fixed form reply sets, each fixed form reply set containing a plurality of replies;~~

~~storing a message separately from the fixed form reply sets;~~

~~receiving the message from a host;~~

~~selecting a fixed form reply set independent of the message;~~

~~allowing a user to choose a reply from the selected fixed form reply set;~~

~~sending the chosen reply to the host; and~~

~~computing the frequency of chosen replies sent to the host.~~